ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 6, 2012

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. Members present: Ms. Lee Cole, Chairperson and Ward 2; Minister Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford, Vice Chair and Ward 7; Mr. Antonio Wright, MACE; Ms. Patrina Pendarvis, National Federation of the Blind of Miss.; John Chaplain, Ward 5; Jason Bunch, Ward 6; From JATRAN; Ms. Karen Robinson, Dispatcher; Mr. Theo Letman, General Manager; Mr. Dewayne Cheatham, Operations; Deputy Chief Johnny McDonald, JFD; Deputy Chief Lindsay Horton, JPD; Ms. Lee Jenkins, Director of the Brain Injury Association of MS; Mr. Len Jefferson, Mrs. Jackie Washington, mother of a child with a disability.

Call to Order

Chairperson, Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Karen Robinson read the May 2nd minutes. Approval of the minutes was motioned by Antonio Wright and seconded by Scott Crawford; the minutes were accepted as read with noted corrections.

<u>Updates</u>

Lee Cole informed the Council that she called 311 to sign up for code Red. The process only took a few minutes. All residents were encouraged to use 311 to sign up for the non-emergency preparedness. Scott Crawford informed the Council that he registered online.

Deputy Chief Lindsey Horton reported that the hit-and-run driver has been arrested and bound over for the Grand Jury. The toxicology report found substances in his system. He was charged with several accounts including vehicular homicide. Following discussion of "handicapped parking", Deputy Chief Horton stated that he will bring the email address to report illegally parked vehicles to the next meeting.

Sam Gleese announced that following contract approval by the Jackson City Council that LIFE will begin a year-long ADA training in an effort to cover all City employees.

Theo Letman reported on-going ADA training for all JATRAN staff. They use Easter Seals Project Action training materials. All staff go through vigorous ADA and disability sensitivity training.

Lee Jenkins: The MS disABILITY Mega Conference will be held at the Jackson Marriott on June 21-22, 2012. Eighteen disability organizations have come together to sponsor this event with speakers on a variety of subjects. Deputy Chief Horton added that the parking meters in front of the Marriott on Amite and on the west side of the hotel will be covered from Wednesday-Friday to allow for wheelchair accessible parking.

Scott Crawford submitted a brief report requiring improved sidewalk access to the Hood Bldg. from City Hall to Amite Street and wanted it added to the Transition Plan.

New Business

Sam Gleese reported that beginning March 2013, the Department of Treasury will no longer issue paper checks. The City of Jackson Department of Human & Cultural Services is spearheading the Go Direct initiative. A Go Direct Day is scheduled for August 22, 2012.

The Journey of Hope, a cross country cycling team, whose purpose is to raise funds to support disabilities organizations and to create a positive awareness of people with disabilities, is scheduled to arrive July 14, 2012. This year they will not come to Jackson, Mississippi, but will go to Raymond, Mississippi, to support a disability activity sponsored by the ARC of Mississippi.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was recorded by Ms. Patrina Pendarvis from the National Federation of the Blind of Miss. and transcribed by Ms. Ollie Lester from the Addie McBryde Center for the Blind. These Minutes were approved at the July 18, 2012 meeting.